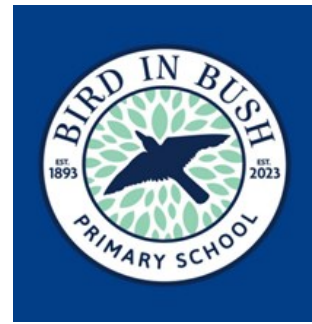




The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

January 2024 Edition One

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Plans for Parents Evening Tuesday 30th January 2024 Appointments between 1.00—6.45 p.m.

1. Every parent/carer is invited to attend a dedicated 10 minute appointment time with their child's class teacher.
2. Meetings will be academic focused including sharing current attainment outcomes for your child
3. Signing up sheets will be displayed in the playground from next Thursday 18th January. If you will be unable to attend school at this time, please email the office to secure a suitable time for your appointment
4. Please ensure you do not appointments back to back where you have more than one child in the school.

The school will close at 12.45 p.m. to support every parent/carer being allocated a full ten minute appointment time

Parent Project 2024

The school will be offering a project of support to parents/carers across 2024.

Likely events will include:

- accessing additional monies allocated to support
- computer classes for adults - particularly focused on emailing and job applications
- parenting advice regarding accessing benefits; additional support for your children

Watch out for the big launch ahead

PE timetable for Week commencing Monday 15th January

Year 1—**Tuesday** (Indoor Games);

Year 3— **Thursday** (Cricket);

Year 5—**Friday** (Indoor or Swimming - Oystercatcher class to swim)

Year 6—**Thursday** (Outdoor + 8.00 a.m. lesson on Thursday)

Year 2—**Friday** (Indoor Games);

Year 4— **Friday** (Dance);

Reception at Bird in Bush School from September 2024 onwards

Please remind your family and friends that the
deadline for applying is Monday 15th January



**Looking for a Reception Class place for
your child for September 2024 onwards?**



**Come and find out for yourself
about the local
'proven Peckham primary school'
that everyone is talking about in our area**



**Southwark's flagship school for school dinners, free
holiday offer and our racially literate curriculum**

Come and visit Bird in Bush
School between 8.45 a.m.—
9.30 a.m. every Wednesday
at this time

*"I truly believe the Early Years is outstanding!
They have gone above and beyond for my children"*
Reception Class Parent/Carer survey, Autumn 2023

Reminders and news:

- * **Year 6 parents/carers have until Friday 19th January to pay the deposit for the residential trip—£50 per child**
- * **The school is currently looking to buy the next generation of ipads for use by our pupils. If any parent/carer can offer any advice about our purchase this would be greatly appreciated**
- * **The school is looking to appoint Early Years Play Support Workers to work across Reception and Nursery classes. These will be 15 hour a week positions working in the playgrounds as well as reading with the children. Short term contracts until the end of Spring Term. Watch out for our adverts or speak to Ms Acquah or Mr Robinson about volunteering to learn more about roles**

National Storytelling Week

Dream up a world

National
Literacy
Trust

Change your story

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What is National Storytelling Week?

In 2024, National Storytelling Week will take place from 27 January to 4 February.

This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

Our first Super Six Challenge will be to write our stories. Every child, staff member and parent/carer is invited to write a story.. To dream up a world.. and to join in the National Storytelling Week.

Watch out for further instructions but the basic criteria for our stories is based on that used for the BBC 500 Words competition which our Year 6 pupils recently entered.

- ◆ no more than 500 words
- ◆ Fictional stories only please
- ◆ Not judged on spelling, grammar or punctuation
- ◆ Judged on originality, plot and enjoyment

We would love to welcome any parents/carers or family members to come and tell a story to our children in assembly. Please let Mr Robinson know if you could come to school on either Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th February?



Date for your diary

Come and join in with the Bird in Bush
Year of the Dragon/Chinese New Year
Parade in the playground on
Friday 23rd February.

During the February half term, there will be a Chinese New Year Art project which will result in your child being involved in the parade celebrations on this date.

Celebrating this event is one of the Super Six events that your child has been invited to participate in for 2024.

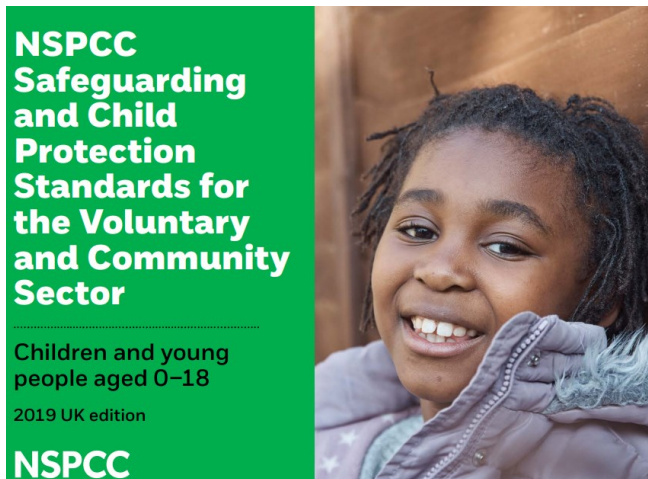
The next event/challenge will be linked to their participation in the British Science Week in March 2024.

Safeguarding our children advice:

Bird in Bush School will follow best practice advice—signposted by government advice to the NSPCC guidance in this area.

Our interpretation of the law plays out for Bird in Bush School in a number of ways such as:

- ◆ Children are not allowed to walk home alone until they have reached their tenth birthday (the age of criminal responsibility)
- ◆ Children under ten are not to be picked up by any one under the age of sixteen (a child needs to be sixteen to obtain adult responsibilities)
- ◆ The school has the responsibility to refer our concerns for picking children arrangements that fail to follow this accepted advice
- ◆ The school has less control over children walking to school but the same principles will apply



The school will follow government advice such as below:
<https://www.gov.uk/law-on-leaving-your-child-home-alone>



[Home](#) > [Childcare and parenting](#) > [Childcare](#)

The law on leaving your child on their own

The law does not say an age when you can leave a child on their own, but it's an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.

Use your judgement on how mature your child is before you decide to leave them alone, for example at home or in a car.

The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](#) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 should not be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone



Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'.

Please liaise with the school office or Mr Robinson directly should you have any questions or comments about the school's practice in this area. Thank you.



Bird in Bush School can't lose!

Bird in Bush School—its pupils, staff and community—will be supporting all 12 of the African Nations represented in our school and competing in the 2024 ACON.

This means we will be supporting:

Cote D'Ivoire	Algeria	Morocco
DR Congo	Egypt	Nigeria
Senegal	Ghana	Guinea
Guinea-Bissau	The Gambia	Tunisia

We are planning a big celebration of the AFCON by inviting everyone to watch the semi finals at Bird in Bush on Wednesday 7th February in the Rio Hall. If there is sufficient interest we would be willing to host watching the final together on Sunday 11th February at 8.00 p.m. that evening

It is essential that all holidays are booked around school term dates—thank you

Please remember no holidays in term times



Prior written approval is needed for any term time absence for a child

Bird in Bush Primary School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2024/2025

Autumn term 2024

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024 (39 school days)
Half Term Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024
- Tuesday 5th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024 (33 school days)
Mid-term Inset Day Friday 22nd November 2024

Spring term 2025

- Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025 (30 school days)
Half Term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025
- Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025 (30 school days)

Summer term 2025

- Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025 (24 school days)
Half Term Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025
- Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025 (34 school days)

Inset Days: 5 days for staff only

Parents are being urged to take simple steps to keep their children healthy as the new school term begins.

Advice from health officials ranges from teaching good hygiene habits to stopping the spread of bugs and knowing when to keep your child at home.

1. **Teach good hygiene habits, such as regular hand-washing and Stop the spread of stomach bugs**

It is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of viruses, the experts say, because they can live on our hands.

2. **Know when to keep your child at home**

But if they have a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough - without a high temperature - children are encouraged to go to school, nursery or childcare.

3. **Get vaccinated**

There is a "quick and painless" nasal spray for children which offers the best protection against flu, UKHSA says.

4. **Take online advice from NHS resources**

For example, when is my child too sick to attend school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#).

These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

& one related consideration at this time of year...

Snow and colder weather is predicted next week

.... but Bird in Bush School will always aim to remain open. Please always assume that we are open rather than closed in the events of snow. Please check X for updates on @birdinbushSE15 or contact Mr Robinson on 07944 720606